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Robert M. Graber  
Clerk, Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Mr. Graber,

Attached you will find a proposal for new legislative districts for Erie County, NY. On the process of creating these new districts, I have attempted to maintain the boundaries of current (pre-2011-2012) legislative districts. But with the requirements that there be eleven (11) districts instead of the current fifteen (15), four (4) districts have been dissolved into existing or new districts and renamed as such. Because of the decrease in the number of districts, several of the old districts saw a growth in population and area sizes. The primary method of district delineation was to maintain equal population counts and to follow standard census tract and/or municipality lines. After delineating new boundaries, the average population count for all the districts is 83,549 people. I also looked at ethnic population distribution around the county and focused creating or expanding districts that included similar ethnic backgrounds. These tended to be the ethnic majority of a district, usually either Caucasians or African-Americans.

Attached you will find a 24"x36" map of proposed legislative districts, a spreadsheet containing district totals and ethnic breakdown, and a copy of this email all contained within a zip file.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Cassens, Amherst, NY

\* Denotes municipalities that will be divided into multiple districts.  
See tabbed spreadsheet pages for Statistics and Race/Ethnicity distributions.

Proposed District #10		Corresponding Population	Total Population	Population
Grand Island		20,374		
City of Tonawanda		15,130		
Town of Tonawanda*		45,142		
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Proposed District #11		Corresponding Population	Total Population	Population
Aurora		13,782		
Cattaraugus		1,833		
Colden		3,265		
Collins		6,601		
Concord		8,494		
Elma		11,317		
Holland		3,401		
Sardinia		2,775		
Orchard Park		29,054		
Wales		3,005		
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*Municipalities to be divided by multiple districts
Amherst
City of Buffalo
Cheektowaga
Clarence
Hamburg

Town of Tonawanda

**Proposed District Statistics**

Total Population of Erie County	919,034
District with Highest Population:	Dist. #3 with population of 85,757
District with Lowest Population:	Dist. #10 with population of 80,646
Percent of Highest Population (of total pop)	9.33%
Percent of Lowest Population (of total pop)	8.78%
Percent Deviation	0.56%

## Race/Ethnic population percentages

## Proposed District # 1

White	63%	# Totals:	52,270
Black or African American	27%		22,487
American Indian and Alaska Native	1%		337
Asian	3%		2,526
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		24
Hispanic or Latino	4%		3,559
Other	<u>2%</u>		<u>1,945</u>
Total	100%		83,148

## Proposed District # 2

White	96%	# Totals:	78,778
Black or African American	1%		422
American Indian and Alaska Native	1%		486
Asian	0%		333
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		8
Hispanic or Latino	2%		1,488
Other	<u>1%</u>		<u>685</u>
Total	100%		82,200

## Proposed District # 3

White	23%	# Totals:	19,972
Black or African American	69%		58,882
American Indian and Alaska Native	0%		277
Asian	2%		1,589
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		16
Hispanic or Latino	4%		3,228
Other	<u>2%</u>		<u>1,793</u>
Total	100%		85,757

**Proposed District #4**

White	94%	# Totals:	79,804
Black or African American	2%		1,732
American Indian and Alaska Native	0%		243
Asian	1%		803
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		7
Hispanic or Latino	1%		1,231
Other	1%		751
Total	100%		84,571

**Proposed District #5**

White	78%	# Totals:	65,069
Black or African American	10%		8,373
American Indian and Alaska Native	0%		167
Asian	7%		5,661
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		12
Hispanic or Latino	3%		2,421
Other	2%		1,666
Total	100%		83,369

**Proposed District #6**

White	49%	# Totals:	41,598
Black or African American	20%		17,440
American Indian and Alaska Native	1%		870
Asian	5%		4,422
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		36
Hispanic or Latino	22%		18,579
Other	3%		2,544
Total	100%		85,489

**Proposed District # 7**

White	88%	# Totals:	71,601
Black or African American	3%		2,339
American Indian and Alaska Native	0%		112
Asian	6%		5,074
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		20
Hispanic or Latino	2%		1,459
Other	<u>1%</u>		<u>1,083</u>
Total	100%		81,688

**Proposed District # 8**

White	89%	# Totals:	75,875
Black or African American	3%		2,799
American Indian and Alaska Native	0%		320
Asian	1%		934
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		11
Hispanic or Latino	4%		3,768
Other	<u>1%</u>		<u>1,177</u>
Total	100%		84,884

**Proposed District # 9**

White	92%	# Totals:	76,845
Black or African American	3%		2,381
American Indian and Alaska Native	0%		207
Asian	1%		524
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		14
Hispanic or Latino	3%		2,743
Other	<u>1%</u>		<u>1,047</u>
Total	100%		83,761

**Proposed District # 10**

White	93%	# Totals:	74,825
Black or African American	2%		1,662
American Indian and Alaska Native	0%		303
Asian	1%		1,164
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		5
Hispanic or Latino	2%		1,798
Other	<u>1%</u>		<u>889</u>
Total	100%		80,646

**Proposed District # 11**

White	93%	# Totals:	77,519
Black or African American	2%		1,399
American Indian and Alaska Native	2%		1,877
Asian	1%		591
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		12
Hispanic or Latino	2%		1,457
Other	<u>1%</u>		<u>672</u>
Total	100%		83,527